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REF: BRIDGETOWN 0970

CARACAS FOR RSO

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED APPROVAL FROM THE GOB FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF MSGS. THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ARE REQUESTED CONCERNING THE NORMAL STATUS OF MSGS IN AN EMBASSY VIS-A-VIS THE FOLLOWING EXERPT FROM EXTAFF NOTE NO. 9004/16 DATED 17 JUNE 74:

"THE MINISTRY HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE GUARDS TO THE EMBASSY SO LONG AS THEIR EMPLOYMENT IS INTENDED TO COVER PURELY INTERNAL SECURITY. IF, HOWEVER, IT IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY THAT THE GUARDS EXERCISE POWERS OF EJECTION AND SEARCH IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO HAVE THESE POWERS EXPRESSLY CONFERRED BY STATUE AS THERE IS NO EXISTING LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR THE EXERCISE OF SUCH POWERS.

"IT IS ALSO SUGGESTED, HAVING REGARD TO THE NATURE OF THE SERVICES TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THESE GUARDS, THAT THEY MIGHT MORE APPROPRIATELY BE CLASSIFIED AS SERVICE STAFF RATHER THAN ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL. TO CLASSIFY THEM AS ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF WOULD ENABLE THEM TO CLAIM IMMUNITY FROM CRIMINAL LIABILITY IN CASES WHERE THEY EXCEED THEIR POWERS AND USE FORCE AGAINST CITIZENS OUTSIDE OF THE EMBASSY PREMISES."

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2. POST REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S ADVISE REGARD APPROPRIATE REPLY

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